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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant brings the attached references to the Examiner's attention and requests that they be considered and made of record in this application. Also attached is a completed PTO-1449 form.

Applicant believes that a first Office Action on the merits has not been mailed for this application. Therefore, Applicant believes that no fee is required per 37 CFR § 1.97(b).

The attached references were brought to my attention through a search report issued by the European Patent Office on March 6, 2002. I hereby certify that each item of information in the Information Disclosure Statement filed herewith was cited for the first time in any communication from a foreign patent office in any counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement. Therefore, Applicant believes that no fee is required also per 37 CFR § 1.97(c).

No fee is believed to be required in view of the above certification. However, Applicant authorizes the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to charge payment of the

Petition fee Under 37 CFR § 1.17(p) *if required* and any other fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1836.

Japanese Laid-open Patent Applicant 11-206284 discloses a spool having a metallic skin layer with desired film thicknesses.

Japanese Laid-open Patent Applicant 2001-017040 discloses a fishing reel having a finger tip-protecting member that is made of a resinous material and has a metal membrane formed by metal plating.

Japanese Laid-open Patent Applicant 02-038160 discloses an ornamental member of vehicle having a plastic material, an undercoat formed on the surface of the plastic material, a metal film formed by vacuum deposition process or sputtering process, and a top coat formed on the metal film.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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